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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) 2002/03-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
8	<b>State Highway Element</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Modifies various State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects in San Diego County. The amendment programs a total of \$9,000,000 for "I-15 Managed Lanes Project (Middle Corridor, MPO ID: CAL 18)" in Fiscal Year (FY) 2003/04 by moving \$3,000,000 from "I-15 Managed Lanes Project (North Segment, MPO ID: CAL 18A)" and \$6,000,000 from "I-15 Managed Lanes Project (South Segment, MPO ID: CAL 18B)" respectively. The amendment also makes minor adjustments to various funding sources for "I-15 Managed Lanes Project (Middle Corridor, MPO ID: CAL 18)." These projects are funded from the Congestion Mitigation and Air quality (CMAQ) program, Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP), the National Highway System (NHS) and Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP).</li></ul>

See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 8 for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are shown for information only.

The changes being proposed to the FTIP by this amendment have been found by SANDAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included by SANDAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The SANDAG prepared this FTIP Amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment. This FTIP Amendment is consistent with SANDAG Intergovernmental Review (IGR) process.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,



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Chief

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Enclosures

c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)  
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